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Subject: Updated: NWS Hazard Simplification Project: Implementation of
 Consolidation and Re-formatting of NWS Marine Products
 On December 3, 2019

Updated second bullet below.

Effective on or about December 3, 2019, the NWS will implement the following changes to marine products:

-Consolidate the following marine product into a single "Small Craft Advisory": Small Craft Advisory, Small Craft Advisory for Hazardous Seas, Small Craft Advisory for Rough Bar, and Small Craft Advisory for Winds.

-Reformat Marine hazard products, which contain watch, warning, advisory and statement information, into a "What," "Where," "When," "Impacts" format, except for Special Marine Warnings as they will be unchanged. High seas and offshore marine forecast products, and tropical products, will be unaffected by this change. Also unaffected by this change will be marine hazard products from Alaskan Weather Forecast Offices which contain watch, warning, advisory and statement information, with the exception of Alaskan Coastal Hazard Messages (CFW).

The consolidation and reformatting changes are based on a public survey referenced in the notice below:
https://www.weather.gov/media/notification/pdfs/pns17-37hazsimp_marine.pdf

The survey results indicated that a majority of users favored the changes as proposed. A listing of the changes, along with examples, are contained in the Product Description Document (PDD) at the link below:

https://nws.weather.gov/products/PDD/PDD_OplMarineProductConsolidationandReformatting_2019.pdf

Presentations and additional information on these upcoming proposed changes and plans for the NWS Hazard Simplification

(Haz Simp) Project may be accessed at the Haz Simp Website:
<https://www.weather.gov/hazardsimplification>

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